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FOR: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND FILTERING UNSOLICITED  
AND UNDESIRED ELECTRONIC MESSAGES**

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-- **This application claims benefit of 60/455,940 03/19/2003 --**

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### Title

System and method for detecting and filtering unsolicited and undesired electronic messages

### Preliminary Class

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1                   **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

2         This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application 60/455,940,  
3         “Anti-spoofing SPAM inhibitor (“ASSI”).”

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5                   **STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR  
6                   DEVELOPMENT**

7         Not applicable.

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9                   **REFERENCE TO A MICROFICHE APPENDIX**

10       Not applicable.

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12                   **Field of the Invention**

13         This invention relates to a system and a method for detecting and filtering  
14         unsolicited and undesired electronic messages by automatically verifying that the  
15         purported originator of the electronic message actually sent the message.

16                   **Description of the Related Art**

17         Electronic communication is an essential tool in facilitating both business and  
18         personal communication. One form of electronic messaging, email, offers several  
19         advantages over traditional forms of communication. Email allows for the almost  
20         instantaneous exchange of information, it allows for the transmission of multiple  
21         messages at very little cost and it permits the transfer of large data files from one sender  
22         to another user. Nonetheless, the inherent nature of email gives rise to certain